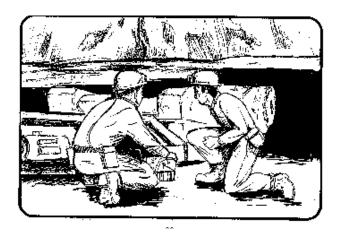




2004 SUMMER PROP INITIATIVE

"Hazards Associated With Pillaring"



"Best Practices"

- Persons must position themselves as far outby as possible during final lift extraction and while retreat mining is in progress.
- Always follow the approved roof control plan concerning pillaring.
- When adverse roof conditions are encountered, the continuous mining machine cut depth shall be limited to 20 feet or less, as necessary to provide effective roof control.
- The necessary number of floor to roof supports must be set to prevent fall overrides from the gob area.
- Close supervision of retreat mining may alert miners to hazards.

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